

SENATOR DAWN BUCKINGHAM VIDEO

March 28 Video

Hello friends, this is Dr. Dawn Buckingham, your state senator for district 24.

With more than half of the 2019 legislative session now concluded, things are really starting to move at the Texas Capitol. I am busy at work on your behalf, as many of the bills I have filed have now been considered by Senate committees, and some have already passed the full Senate. I look forward to providing you with additional updates on those bills as the session continues.

I want to take a moment to update you on four important bills I have co-authored that recently passed the Senate.

As you know, much of Texas continues to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey that hit our state during the legislative interim. Senate District 24 was also heavily impacted last year by severe flooding and wildfires.

Consequently, the Texas Senate made it a top priority this session to pass legislation not only to recover from these events, but to prepare for the next storms that will inevitably occur in the future. These efforts are represented by a package of three bills recently approved by the Senate: Senate Bill 6, Senate Bill 7, and Senate Bill 8, which each passed 31-0.

Senate Bill 6 helps to reduce response delays and confusion.

Senate Bill 7 provides a state match to local governments for restoration from Hurricane Harvey.

And Senate Bill 8 ensures that Texas is prepared to meet the threat of flooding in any region of the state.

I am proud to co-author these important bills and to work with my colleagues as we help Texas recover and prepare.

Another important bill the Senate passed last week was Senate Bill 18, which I co-authored, to protect free speech on college campuses. Senate Bill 18 continues an effort I started two years ago when I filed Senate Bill 1831, the Campus Free Speech Act, during the 2017 legislative session.

As a defender of fiscally responsible limited government, I oppose any unnecessary government regulation that can infringe on the liberty of Texans. At the same time, I fight to protect the

rights of Texans, including the rights of students to have free speech on college campuses. College campuses in Texas must remain open to expressive activities, including those that some may disagree with. That is why I filed Senate Bill 1831 in 2017, and why I co-authored Senate Bill 18 in 2019.

Senate Bills 6, 7, 8, and 18 now head to the Texas House for consideration, and hopefully then on to Governor Abbott for his signature.

I am blessed to have this opportunity to represent District 24 in the Texas Senate.

Thank you for your continued support, and my God bless you and your family, and the great state of Texas.